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WATERFOWL HUNTING P R O G R A M 2014- 2015

The Suffolk County Department of Parks as part of its continuing effort to provide a variety of recreational opportunities will once again be offering a waterfowl hunting program. Suffolk Parks has additional restrictions beyond the current regulations set forth by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. All efforts have been made to offer our patrons a diversified outdoor experience, from the Carmans River in Southaven Park to the beach at Cedar Point Park on Gardiners Bay, a variety of hunting opportunities await sportsmen.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:

RESIDENTS Suffolk County Parks Green Key Card required (Valid for three years)

Green Key - Resident	\$24.00
Senior, Junior (17 & under), Handicapped, Veteran, Volunteer, Aux. Pol., CERT	\$11.00

NON-RESIDENTS are permitted subject to the availability *after* resident hunters have been accommodated, tourist rates apply.

REGULAR DUCK PROGRAM:

PARK LOCATIONS:

Southaven County Park	(631) 852-1391
Hubbard County Park (Check-in at Sears-Bellows, morning draw only)	(631) 852-8290
Montauk County Park (morning draw only)	(631) 852-7878
Cedar Point County Park (morning draw only)	(631) 852-7620

SEASON DATES:

Southaven & Cedar Point: Open Saturday, November 29, 2014 to Sunday January 25, 2015 on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays ONLY.

Hubbard & Montauk: Open Saturday November 29, 2014 to Sunday January 4, 2015 on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays ONLY. From January 5 to January 25, 2015 they will be open on Saturdays and Sundays ONLY.

DRAWING FOR BLINDS:

Each park will have a drawing for blinds. All persons wishing to be included in the morning draw must register at Check Station twenty (20) minutes before sunrise. Drawings will be fifteen minutes before sunrise. Morning draw participants at Southaven must return to check station and be checked out 11:30 AM. All persons wishing to be included in the afternoon draw at Southaven must register by 11:40 A.M. and the drawing will be at 11:45 A.M. Participants at Hubbard and Montauk must stop hunting at 3:00 P.M. and return to park office for check-out (there is no separate afternoon drawing at these parks).

All parties must be present at time of drawing. Parties of two or three who wish to hunt together are permitted one draw slip for each member of the party, however, all names must appear on each draw slip, and if drawn, the group must hunt together. Parties not accepting blind assigned by draw will forfeit their chances for a blind in that drawing. If needed, there will be subsequent drawings for vacated blinds during the day.

DECOYS:

If needed, waterfowlers will be issued a bag of Parks Department decoys, which must be returned in good condition when checking out. Personal decoys may be used, however, there may never be more than 12 decoys displayed in a spread at one time.

DOGS: While dogs are permitted for waterfowl hunting (retrieval purposes) they must be leashed at all times except when in the process of retrieving game. Owners must have license and proof of inoculations with them and must show them upon request.

FEES:

Residents (Green Key Required):	\$12.00 Per Person Per Session \$ 6.00 Senior, Junior, Handicapped, Veteran, Volunteer, & Aux. Pol., CERT (Wed. Only) FREE – Service Connected Disabled Veterans (with Green Key- Service Connected)
Non-Residents	\$25.00 per person for daily hunting permit (subject to availability – after Residents are accommodated)

BAG LIMIT (per person, three (3) per day):

Ducks: 3 Birds, cannot include more than:
1 Black Duck
1 Canvasback
2 Hen Mallards
2 Wood Ducks
2 Redheads
2 Hooded Merganser
2 Pintail

Geese: The limit for Canada Geese is 3 per day. This is in addition to the Parks 3 duck limit. **NOTE:** White Fronted geese may be taken as part of daily limit of Canada goose.

SHELL LIMIT: 12 shells per person, per session/outing

SEA DUCK PROGRAM:

PARK LOCATIONS:

Cedar Point County Park (631) 852-7620

DATES:

Friday, October 17, 2014 through Saturday, January 31, 2015
Five days per week, Wednesday through Sunday

DRAWING FOR BLINDS:

Drawing at check station one-half hour before sunrise, there is no afternoon drawing. All hunting ends at Noon. Vacated blinds may be reassigned during the morning.

DECOYS: None provided.

FEES:

Residents (Green Key Required): \$ 12.00 Per Person Per Day
\$ 6.00 Senior, Junior, Handicapped, Veteran, Aux.
Police, CERT (**Weekdays Only**)

Non-Residents \$25.00 per person for daily hunting permit (subject to availability – after Residents are accommodated)

BAG LIMIT (per person):

Sea Ducks: 7 per day (scoters, eiders, oldsquaw) Federal regulations apply: no more than 4 scoters may be included with daily bag.

SHELL LIMIT: NONE

YOUTH WATERFOWL PROGRAM: As part of an effort to accommodate all of our patrons, Suffolk County Parks will be offering a youth waterfowl program. Young hunters (12-15 years of age) who have completed a hunter education course, a training seminar and possess a Junior license may hunt ducks, coot, merganser and Canada geese at Hubbard and Southaven County Parks. The training seminar will be co-sponsored by the Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, NY Conservation Officer's Association, South Shore Waterfowler's Assoc. and Ducks Unlimited. Participants will learn all aspects of waterfowl identification, firearm safety, hunting ethics and the craft of waterfowl hunting.

On Saturday, November 8, 2014 classroom and field instruction will be offered at Hubbard County Park. On Saturday and Sunday, November 22 & 23, 2014, there will be a morning waterfowl hunt at both parks. *Advance registration is required.* For further information and registration, contact the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation Law Enforcement at 631-444-0255.

PRIMITIVE DUCK PROGRAM:

At Smith Point & Cupsogue County Parks waterfowl hunting is permitted for the entire Federal/State season to those possessing a valid Green Key Card, no other fees are charged. No blinds or decoys are provided, however, temporary blinds may be used but must be removed at the end of the day's hunt. Park all vehicles and access hunting areas as directed by park personnel. All State and Federal Laws apply, as well as additional rules and regulations established by the Suffolk County Department of Parks. Hunters may be requested to sign in and out at check stations. For further information contact the Administration Office at (631) 854-4949.

NOTE: Vehicle access at Smith Pt. may be limited or closed completely due to beach conditions. Call Smith Pt. at 852-1315 for regular updates.

HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Unless otherwise stated, all Federal and State seasons, hunting regulations and limits will apply.
2. Any person violating any Federal, State or County Park game laws or rules and regulations may be subject to arrest. In addition, park and hunting privileges may be withdrawn and your Green Key may be suspended or revoked.
3. Any person deemed unfit by park personnel to handle a shotgun or who endangers his own safety or the safety of others, will be banned from carrying a gun and hunting on park property. General park privileges may be withdrawn and Green Key suspended or revoked.
4. Persons must occupy assigned blind within 15 minutes after draw; if not, blind will be deemed unoccupied and reassigned.
5. If a duck blind is left unattended for more than 10 minutes, it will be reassigned.
6. All firearms will be carried unloaded going to and from the assigned blinds.
7. All hunting is by shotgun only. No shot larger than BB's permitted. Steel shot is required for all waterfowl hunting. #4 or #2's recommended.
8. Shooting will commence at sunrise and only when decoys are rigged and parties are in blind. All hunting must cease ½ hour before sunset (as posted).
9. No walking or wading of streams, wetland areas or tidal marshes permitted (except to retrieve game). No jump shooting, hunting must be done from assigned blinds only (except primitive)
10. No hunting or shooting of upland game or big game by waterfowl hunters. The following **MAY NOT** be taken or shot at: Hawks, owl, foxes, raccoons, wild turkey, cats, dogs or any songbirds or other wildlife.
11. Only persons hunting and/or park personnel will be permitted at blinds during hunting hours.
12. Hunters must make every effort to retrieve downed game.
13. Hunters may bring their own trained dog for retrieving downed game.

14. Target shooting is prohibited.

HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (CON'T):

15. All hunters must check out when limits are taken or shell limit used. Person(s) taking such limit(s) must leave area/blind promptly. Hunters are to return to the park office to check out. All game taken will be checked at that time.
16. Hip boots or waders are necessary.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM:

Under a cooperative agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, thousands of additional acres of Parklands are open for hunting, some of which offer waterfowling. For additional information, contact DEC at (631) 444-0310.

DEER HUNTING:

Parks also offers both an Archery Season and a January shotgun season for deer. Call the Parks Administration office at 631-854-4949 for details. The special January shotgun season will be open in parks **weekdays only** – January 5-9, January 12-16, and January 19-23, 2015.

NOTE: Applications for the lottery will need to be in the office, postmarked no later than Wednesday December 3, 2014. The lottery will be held in the activity building at Cathedral Pines County Park on Tuesday December 9th at 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: Suffolk County Parks reserves the right to alter the schedule or close areas due to unforeseen circumstances including severe weather conditions or emergencies. **Please check with the park of your choice for updates.**